



Who Is Jesus? – Free Printable Christian Summary PDF

A clear, warm introduction to Jesus, his teaching, his death and the Christian hope of resurrection. Read at your own pace, with passages from the Gospels and space to reflect.

A path through the guide

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Meet Jesus and discover the names Christians use for him.	Explore his teaching, his death and the meaning Christians find in them.	Read the resurrection accounts and consider what they mean for you.

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01 / IDENTITY AND TEACHING

Who is Jesus?

For Christians, Jesus is not only a teacher from the past. The Gospels present him as the central figure of God's work to bring people close to him, and Christians worship him as Lord and Saviour. The word Christ means "anointed one", a title Christians connect with God's promised king and rescuer.

The person Christians follow

What the Gospels show

The Gospels tell of Jesus as a first-century Jewish man who taught, healed, welcomed people and called disciples. John opens by describing the Word who was with God and became flesh, and presents Jesus as the Son who makes God known (John 1:1–18). Christians understand this as part of the Bible's witness to Jesus' divine identity.

Names and meaning

Jesus is called Messiah, Son of God, Son of Man, Lord and Saviour in the New Testament. Each title offers a way of understanding who he is and what Christians believe he came to do.

Read: [John 1:1–18](#) · [Mark 1:9–11](#) · [Matthew 16:13–17](#)

What did Jesus teach?

Jesus announced the kingdom of God, inviting people to turn towards God and trust the good news (Mark 1:14–15). In his teaching, love for God and love for neighbour belong together (Matthew 22:34–40).

Love in action	Mercy and humility	Prayer and trust
Jesus calls his followers to love their neighbours, including those who are difficult to love (Luke 10:25–37).	He welcomed the overlooked and taught his disciples to serve rather than seek status (Mark 10:42–45).	Jesus taught people to pray with honesty and to rely on God's care (Matthew 6:5–13, 25–34).

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02 / THE CROSS

Why did Jesus die?

The Gospels describe Jesus being put to death by crucifixion. Christians believe his death was not meaningless: through the cross, God acted to deal with sin, offer forgiveness and bring people into relationship with him. Christian traditions explain some details in different ways, while centring the cross as an expression of God's love.

What Christians see in the cross

Sin and separation	Love and forgiveness
In Christian teaching, sin means the ways people turn from God's goodness and harm their relationship with God and one another. Christians believe Jesus willingly gave himself for others, opening the way to forgiveness and restored relationship. Jesus speaks of giving his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).	Christians see the cross as a costly sign of God's love and a source of hope for people who need mercy. In Luke's account, Jesus prays for forgiveness for those involved in his execution (Luke 23:32–34). The story invites readers to consider both the seriousness of wrongdoing and the possibility of grace.

The story of the final days

The Gospel accounts describe Jesus sharing a final meal with his disciples, praying in Gethsemane, being arrested and condemned, and dying on a cross. Christians remember these events in Holy Week and see Jesus' self-giving as central to the good news. The accounts also include the grief of his friends and the care shown for his body after his death.

Read: [Mark 14:22–25, 32–42](#); [Mark 15:21–39](#); [Luke 23:32–49](#); [John 19:16–30](#)

A Christian way to sum it up

Christians believe Jesus gave his life in love, bringing forgiveness and reconciliation with God. The cross is a call to receive grace and to practise mercy towards others.

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03 / RESURRECTION AND RESPONSE

What do Christians believe about the resurrection?

Christians believe that God raised Jesus from the dead. The Gospels tell of the empty tomb and encounters with the risen Jesus. For Christians, the resurrection is a sign of God's victory over sin and death, and the foundation of hope for new life. It is also the reason the Christian story does not end at the cross.

Read the Gospel accounts

Matthew	Luke	John
The women hear that Jesus has been raised and meet him as they leave the tomb (Matthew 28:1–10).	The tomb is found empty, and two disciples recognise Jesus when he breaks bread with them (Luke 24:1–12, 28–35).	Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus, followed by the disciples and Thomas (John 20:11–29).

Pause and reflect

Take a few quiet minutes with one of the passages above. There is no need to rush to a perfect answer. You may wish to write down a thought, a question or a prayer.

Notice	Respond
What do you notice about the way Jesus treats people? Which of his words or actions stays with you, and why?	If you chose one teaching of Jesus to practise this week, what might it be? What would you like to ask God or learn more about?

A simple prayer, if you would like

Jesus, help me to understand who you are. Thank you for the love Christians see in the cross and the hope they find in your resurrection. Guide me as I read, ask questions and learn to follow your way. Amen.

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